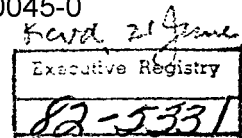




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Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Honorable William J. Casey
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The Office of Energy Emergencies has a number of projects underway to assess the vulnerability of the Nation's domestic energy supply systems to disruptions caused by acts of sabotage, terrorism, major accidents or natural disasters.

Recently, there has been heightened interest in this subject, as evidenced by the hearings held on May 18 by the House Subcommittee on Energy, Environment, and Safety Issues Affecting Small Business, and on May 21 by the Senate Subcommittee on Energy, Nuclear Proliferation, and Government Processes.

As I stated at the May 21 hearing (a copy of my prepared statement is enclosed for your reference), the Department is reviewing the scope of its current and planned activities in this area, to assure that it is not duplicating the efforts of other agencies, and to coordinate DOE's efforts with those of agencies performing similar analysis.

Accordingly, I have enclosed a draft plan of the DOE project to assess the Nation's vulnerability to major disruptions of the electric power network, the natural gas and petroleum pipelines, and other parts of the national energy system. I would welcome comments and suggestions on the scope and approach proposed in this plan. In particular, I would like to know if you have any related work underway with which this office should coordinate or in which its participation would be useful.

The electric power portion of the project is underway, but I would appreciate being advised of your related current or planned activities before proceeding with the portions dealing with natural gas and petroleum. Please have your representative contact Ronald L. Winkler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Emergencies (252-2443), or the DOE project manager, Dr. Alan Starr (252-1705).

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection, Safety,
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DOE review completed.

Enclosures

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